

# Pacoh language

The **Pacoh** language is a member of the Katuic language group, a part of the Eastern [1] (<https://web.archive.org/web/20080220003132/http://www.uiowa.edu/~linguist/faculty/beckman/lotw01/language/s/austro-asiatic.html>) Mon–Khmer linguistic branch. Most Pacoh speakers live in central Laos and central Vietnam.<sup>[3]</sup> Pacoh is undergoing substantial change, influenced by the Vietnamese.<sup>[4]</sup>

Alternative names are Paco, Pokoh, Bo River Van Kieu. Its dialects are Pahi (Ba-Hi). They are officially classified by the Vietnamese government as Ta'Oï (Tà Ôi) people.

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Pacoh	
<b>Native to</b>	Vietnam
<b>Native speakers</b>	32,000 (2002–2005) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Austroasiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Katuic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Pacoh</b></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	pac
<b>Glottolog</b>	paco1243 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/paco1243">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/paco1243</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Phonology

Vowels (Sidwell 2003 (<https://web.archive.org/web/20071018114146/http://anu.edu.au/~u9907217/languages/Katuic.html>)):

Pacoh has six vowel qualities, all of which occur long and short, in modal and creaky voice. Creaky vowels are lowered compared to modally voiced vowels. There are three diphthongs which also occur modal and creaky. Unlike other languages in the area, vowel phonation does not seem to have originated in the phonation of preceding consonants.

Monophthongs

	front	central	back
<b>High modal</b>	i iː	ɨ ɨː	u uː
<b>Low modal</b>	e eː	ə əː	o oː
<b>High creaky</b>	ɛ ɛː	ɘ ɘː	ɔ ɔː
<b>Low creaky</b>	ɛ̰ ɛ̰ː	ɘ̰ ɘ̰ː	ɔ̰ ɔ̰ː

Diphthongs

	front	central	back
<b>Modal</b>	iə	ɨə	uə
<b>Creaky</b>	ɛa	ɘa	ɔa

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- The language has these sounds (<https://web.archive.org/web/20181118185846/http://web.phonetik.uni-frankfurt.de/L/L2314.html>)
- Pacoh-English-Vietnamese dictionary by SIL International (<https://web.archive.org/web/20190401220727/http://pacoh.webonary.org/>)

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